

Air Force Prime Time, a weekly news magazine for and about airmen stationed overseas, airs Thursday evenings at 8:25 p.m. Central European Time on AFN television. In this week's edition, the new European guidelines for gun owners in Germany, the Air Force wants everyone to check if their gas mask is faulty, career advisers and more.



News briefs

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Earth Week

The Earth Week working group meets at 3 p.m. Tuesday in building 127 on Spangdahlem Air Base. Also, the group seeks Earth Week event volunteers. Call Colleen Wilcox at 452-5125 for details or to sign up.

Supply inventory

The 52nd Supply Squadron Individual Equipment Element closes March 19-23 for inventory. People requiring services within these dates should call Tech. Sgt. Raul Wilshire at 452-6866 for more information.

TRICARE briefing

A TRICARE briefing for military retirees takes place at 7 p.m. March 20 in the Spangdahlem Air Base Saber Club. Call retired Chief Master Sgt. Bobby Roberts at 453-7202 for details.

Tip of the Hat

The lightweight blue jacket must be zipped up at least halfway. The jacket isn't authorized for wear when the service dress uniform is designated or considered more appropriate. Wear of the jacket over the pullover sweater is authorized; however, the sweater must not show.

Scarves worn with the BDU uniform should be gray and should be tucked in. Scarves worn with the service uniform combinations should be white or gray and should remain tucked in with authorized outer-garments, except the pullover sweater. Scarves

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Eifel Times

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Airman 1st Class Michelle Roquid

It's all about safety

Senior Airman Frank Zwada, 23rd Fighter Squadron electrician, starts safety wiring a nose valve switch on an F-16 on Spangdahlem Air Base. Read more about fighter jet maintainers and the 52nd Fighter Wing's role in Aerospace Expeditionary Force Deployment-2 in Southwest Asia on Page 3.

Air Force gives techs more time

WASHINGTON — Air Force personnel officials recently announced the decision to change technical sergeant high year of tenure from 20 to 22 years of service effective July 1.

Enlisted tenures are governed by the Total Objective Plan for Career Airmen Personnel and were last revised in 1991. At that time, technical sergeant length of service was reduced from 23 to 20 years. The impending force drawdown was a major factor in deciding to keep both E-5 and E-6 HYT maximums at 20 years. By doing this, involuntary separation programs were avoided, said Senior Master Sgt. Larry Welch, superintendent of force structure plans at the air staff.

With force drawdowns done, and having

returned to an era with more stable end-strength, a review of enlisted HYT rates was accomplished in 2000. The review indicated while overall HYT rates were on target, some fine-tuning was in order for technical sergeants, Welch said.

"There were several compelling arguments for increasing tech sergeant HYT to 22 years," he said. "First, it's an opportunity to reward tech sergeants for career advancement and let them stay in the service longer. Second, it establishes a natural HYT bridge between staff sergeant HYT of 20 years and master sergeant HYT of 24 years service.

"Finally, input from the field indicates our enlisted members support the change," Welch said.

"This is the right thing to do," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Jim Finch. "The change will help us retain our experienced NCOs longer, which will affect mission accomplishment, and the Air Force will be a better place for that."

Although this change is effective July 1, all technical sergeants, regardless of Air Force specialty code, are now eligible to apply for the fiscal 2001 Temporary HYT Extension Program. This allows technical sergeants with HYT dates before July 1 to apply for a HYT extension to the 22 years of service point, according to Welch.

Call the wing military personnel flight at 452-6553 for details. Implementation guidance is forthcoming from the Air Force Personnel Center. (Air Force Print News)

Thirty-six wing master sergeants to sew on additional stripe

Compiled by staff reports

Thirty-six of the 1,354 NCOs selected by the Air Force for promotion to senior master sergeant hail from Spangdahlem Air Base or its geographically-separated units.

The Air Force selection rate was 8.36 percent, USAFE had an 11 percent select rate and Spangdahlem AB was 13.3 percent. Spangdahlem AB's selects are:

470th Air Base Squadron, NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen
Gaylene Bauer

52nd Component Repair Squadron
Robert Cushing, James McGowan and David Westwood

52nd Communications Squadron
Steven Alexander, Cozenja Berry, Timothy O'Neil and Eugene C. Vautrin Jr.

52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron
Maurice Harris

52nd Transportation Squadron
Rick Shaner and John Steele

52nd Supply Squadron
Calvin Howell and Gary Vogt

52nd Civil Engineer Squadron
Robert Buchanan, Steven Kelly and John Powers

52nd Fighter Wing
Oscar Mackin, Rodney Nearbin and Mark Nichols

22nd Fighter Squadron
William K. Harner Jr., Eric Marvin and Timothy Robbins

52nd Operations Group
John Mitchell and Joseph Schmucker

752nd Munitions Support Squadron, Volkel Air Base, the Netherlands
David Goldsberry

52nd Operations Support Squadron
Alecia Chatham

81st Fighter Squadron
Ercilio Claxton

606th Air Control Squadron
Michael Cote, Vernon Thompson and Randy Weiss

Airborne Warning and Control Squadron
John Blair, David Doll, Bruce Gaynor and Michael Mayfield

Allied Forces North
Anthony Carbone and Juan Lewis

Ailing teacher tells hometown paper of Spang support

By Candice Fisher
Star Herald staff reporter

MITCHELL, Neb. – When she went to the doctor last August to get a checkup for coughing, Cindy Smith was hit hard with some unexpected news - she was diagnosed with cancer.

Ever since, not a day has gone by that she hasn't received cards, flowers or gifts from a small community located thousands of miles away, called Spangdahlem, Germany, which is located near an American air base. For the last 12 years, Smith has worked there as a second grade teacher at Spangdahlem Elementary School.

When all the gifts from teachers, students and parents started to be shipped to her parents' home in Mitchell, it was overwhelming, said Smith's mother, Kay Calvert.

"The support they have given her is just from out of this world," Calvert said. "They have just been so supportive of Cindy."

From all that has been sent, Smith has boxes of cards, a banner with the signature of all the teachers, a quilt called "Healing Hands," which displays the hands of teachers and their children, and many other gifts showing support.

How others can help

People wanting to help defray medical costs can do so by donating to the Cindy Smith Fund at Community Bank on Spangdahlem Air Base and the Bitburg Annex.

"We all feel strongly that Cindy will return soon and we all want her to know she's missed," said Linda Rice, Spangdahlem Elementary School teacher and Smith account organizer.

Organizations which recently contributed to the fund include the Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club, the Officers and Civilian Spouses Club and anonymous donors.

"I get flowers just about for everything. They even sent me flowers for Valentine's Day," Smith said with a smile. "They've really done a lot to help me through this."

Along with the many gifts, Smith said they have even included her in their community prayer services and held

fund-raisers to help her family with medical bills.

Smith recently completed a round of radiation and hopes for the best. Her next move is to go to a doctor at University Hospital in Denver where her progress will be checked. Smith said she hopes to return to Spangdahlem in March and begin teaching half days.

She said she loves the community of Spangdahlem and the people in it.

"I really like Germany. It's a beautiful and friendly place. The bonding there is really deep and lasting friendships are everywhere," Smith said.

Her mother said she is also grateful.

"It's just like a little family over there," Calvert said. "It's so great all of the support they have given her. It's so unreal."

Smith thanks everyone who has helped her during the last few months.

"I think my recovery and my attitude are because of the people who have supported me." (Reprinted with permission from the Star Herald, Scottsbluff and Gering, Neb.)

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shouldn't exceed 10-inches in width and must be wool or cotton simplex, with or without a napped surface.

This information and more on the standards of dress and appearance and customs and courtesies is contained in AFI 36-2903, AFI 36-2903-SABSUP 1, and/or AFI 36-2203.

Sick call

The 52nd Medical Group triage line allows patients who feel they have an urgent medical problem to speak to a nurse for an initial evaluation before being seen by a doctor. It's available 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays by calling 452-8333 or commercial at 06565-958333. After duty hours and holidays, patients should call 453-3444 or commercial at 06561-693444. Patients may also speak to a personal health adviser, available 24 hours daily, by calling 0800-8251600.

AFROTC one-year program

The one-year professional officer course early release program offers active-duty airmen an opportunity for an early release from active duty to enter the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. It's open to airmen who can complete their bachelor degree and AFROTC within one year. All students must receive a commission by fiscal year 2002.

Selectees are discharged from the active-duty service, enlisted in AFROTC and become a full-time college student. Upon completion of the program, students are commissioned as a second lieutenants and return to service with a four-year active duty commitment.

Application submission deadline is August. Members wanting to attend field training in the summer should submit their application by May 1. Members submitting applications after May 1 enroll in AFROTC in the fall and attend field training in summer 2002.

To qualify for the scholarship program, applicants must be 27 or younger by June 30 of their potential commissioning date. Non-scholarship applicants must be under 30 by the application date or have obtained an age waiver.

Visit [http://web1.maxwell.af.mil/- \(no hyphen\) afoats/enlisted/oneyear.htm](http://web1.maxwell.af.mil/-(no hyphen) afoats/enlisted/oneyear.htm) or call the education office at 452-6063 for details.

Public service scholarship

WASHINGTON — Students considering a career in local, state or federal government could earn up to \$1,000 for college through the Public Service Scholarship Program.

The program has been offered since 1985 by the Public Employees Roundtable, a nonprofit organization that promotes interest in public service careers, said program coordinator Jocelyn C. Travers.

"The scholarship program is targeted toward bright and talented college students

who plan to pursue a career in public service," said Travers, who added that 10 to 12 \$500 and \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded this year. The \$500 scholarships, she noted, will be awarded to part-time graduate students.

Deadline for applications is May 18, Travers said. Undergraduate and graduate students can apply. Applicants must have a 3.5 grade point average in all college work and are required to submit a two-page essay discussing their specific career goals and vision for the future.

She said preference is provided to applicants who have prior public service or volunteer experience. Scholarships will be awarded in late July.

Visit the roundtable Web site at www.theroundtable.org, or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Public Employees Roundtable, P.O. Box 75248 Washington, D.C., 20013-5248 for scholarship applications.

Accidents

By Senior Airman Kassandra Watts
52nd Security Forces Squadron
Reports and Analysis

Twenty minor accidents involving Eifel motorists took place last week totaling \$7,200 in personal costs. This brings the total number of accidents for this year to 179.

Most of the accidents occurred because of driving at speeds too fast for conditions.

Of the accidents last week:

■ Six happened on B-50

■ Two happened on L-46

■ One happened on L-39

■ Eleven happened at other locations on and off base

In addition to the accidents, 45 traffic citations were issued last week by base security forces. Twenty-one of these were issued for speeding on B-50. The wing policy letter on passing and driving on the B-50 has been released and is now available on the base intranet.

Think about this:

Base security forces assesses double the usual amount of points for driving too fast for conditions. Slow down and arrive alive.



Tech. Sgt. Doug Kenepp

STEPping up

Brig. Gen. Don Hoffman and Jennifer Scott help Dennis Scott tack on his technical sergeant stripes Monday as he holds his daughter Emily. Scott, a 13-year veteran assigned to the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, was promoted through the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program.



Photos by Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey



Making 'fun' of reading

Far left: Spangdahlem Middle School 8th graders Rebecca Nelson and Maggie Harvin read "The Cat in the Hat" to Ann Sherwood's fourth-grade class March 2 while dressed as the book's main character. Left: Kim Sanders, Spangdahlem Elementary School third-grade teacher, answers questions about the book character she's portraying, "Mrs. Frizzle," from the "Magic School Bus" series. The costumes were part of the school's participation in the National Education Association Read Across America Day.

Desert QA policing ensures safety on the line

Inspectors know both sides of maintenance check woes

By Staff Sgt. Cindy Maier
363rd Air Expeditionary Wing public affairs

"Here we go again. Attention, they're swooping. Everyone, be alert, the policemen are on patrol. I repeat . . . QA is swooping."

It's a bad rap the folks at the 363rd Expeditionary Logistics Group quality assurance flight get, and ironically, everyone in QA has helped make it that way. They admit that they've made most, if not all, of the comments people make about them now.

"We've all been on the other side of the fence," said Senior Master Sgt. Dana Phillips, chief of QA and deployed from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. "I would say, 'Oh gosh, here comes QA,' and then I'd want to just stop working until they were gone."

After being a "policeman" for five months, weapons inspector Tech. Sgt. Brian Broadway remembers his feelings about QA quite vividly.

"You know you have to have them around for quality, but at the same time you don't want them around because they can write you up and you'll have to answer," Broadway said.

Broadway, of Spangdahlem Air Base said he likes his new job, but it's tough sometimes. "At first, you hate to write up your buddy, but you get over that."

Still, they have a job to do – a very important one. The 17 people who make up the Prince Sultan QA flight are on duty to ensure maintenance on the flightline is being performed correctly, and safely.

Watching over the maintenance of so many types of aircraft and weapons systems keeps the flight busy. In fact,

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Tech. Sgt. Brian Broadway

they are required to perform more than 500 inspections a month, not just on the flightline, but on anything that falls under the logistics or operations groups.

In addition to the inspections, they also give members evaluations. According to Phillips, these evaluations often lead to write-ups, but ironically, not bad ones.

"No one likes to be told they're not doing their job correctly," she said. "But, we actually write more good than bad. December at Prince Sultan showed a more than 90 percent pass-rate on evaluations – and that's the norm."

To be up-to-date on the tech data they have to enforce, when the people in QA aren't roaming the flightline, their noses are in the books, especially at Prince Sultan, where there is such variety of aircraft.

"It's more of an education at PSAB. We've had to learn all the 363rd (Air Expeditionary Wing) operating instructions," Broadway said. "We try to focus on things that are different here than at our home stations so we can

pass those rules on to the folks doing the job. We're there to educate them, not just write them up."

While QA is mostly looked at as the maintenance police, Phillips said they are also looked to as the experts. She admits it's sometimes nerve-racking to live in a glass house.

"We have to be kind of perfect because we must know what we're talking about when we start pointing our fingers," Phillips said.

"Bottom line, QA is an unforgiving job where someone is often displeased; however, it is a critical job for ensuring safe and effective combat sorties. We provide key information to senior leadership on all maintenance trends, both positive and negative. We are teachers in a way, always providing information and guidance," said avionics inspector Staff Sgt. Dewey Back of Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Now that he is on the QA side, Broadway would like to change the general opinion about his job. He said every one of the 500 inspections they do is for a reason, not to hound the people on the flightline.

"We even monitor the end-of-runway procedures to make sure the arming and de-arming is done correctly," Broadway said. "We understand sometimes there's a rush. But, it's important to make sure even though they are doing the job quickly, it's done safely. It wouldn't be good if a jet parked with its guns on 'unsafe.'"

Someday, Broadway will go back to the other side of the fence when he returns to the flightline. He said he'll have a different opinion of the QA "police" then.

"If I carry the knowledge I've gained in this job with me, it will only help the squadron I go to," Broadway said. "Then, not only will I have the knowledge, but I'll have the self-confidence in knowing I'll be OK when they come swooping." (Broadway recently returned to Spangdahlem AB from his deployment for AEF-2.)

AFAF campaign calls members for 'commitment to caring'

By Senior Master Sgt. Steven Lage
52nd Fighter Wing Air Force Assistance Fund project officer

This year's Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, calling for a "Commitment to Caring," runs through March 31.

The Air Force Assistance Fund is an opportunity to give Air Force members the chance to take care of fellow airmen and their families. Money donated to the fund benefits Air Force members directly through four charitable active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retiree organizations, including surviving spouses and their families.

AFAF affiliate charities include:

■The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund. The village, located in San Antonio, Texas, is a life-care community for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The village indigent widows fund provides support to indigent widows and widowers of Air Force officers.

■The Air Force Aid Society is the official charity of the Air Force, which can be accessed worldwide for emergency financial assistance. The top priority is assistance to active duty members and their families. The Air Force Aid Society also offers education assistance programs.

■The Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows

and Dependents Home Foundation, Inc. The foundation's home is located in Fort Walton Beach near Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. It provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people who live among peers. Those eligible are widows and widowers, 55 and older, whose spouses were retired enlisted persons from the regular Air Force, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve.

■The Gen. and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation. Not all indigent widows or widowers want, or are able, to move to one of the retirement homes. The LeMay foundation provides rent and financial assistance to

indigent officers' and enlisted widows or widowers in their own home and community.

Donations to the AFAF campaign can be made through one-time contributions or payroll deduction. Contributors may designate their contributions to one or more of the charities and 100 percent of the contribution goes directly to the designated charities. Contributions to the AFAF are deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes as an itemized deduction.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Steven Lage at 452-6747 or an AFAF unit representative. (Air Force Print News contributed)

Officials announce individual, wing awards

U.S. Air Forces in Europe officials recently announced unit and individual award winners in civil engineer functions, communications and information, logistics plans, medical service, weather, and arts and crafts for 2000.

Arts and crafts

■Julie A. Bridwell, first place, adult category textile art, "Cat In The Window"

■Brookelle Stockton, second place, youth category fine arts, "Leo The Lion"

Photography

■William Jackson, first place, monochrome prints adult category, "French Boulevard"

Balchen/Post award

■52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, outstanding snow and ice control

Medical services

■52nd Medical Group, best small base health promotion program

■52nd MDG, outstanding U.S. Air Force nutritional medicine team

■Senior Airman Sergio Norat, 52nd MDG, Brig. Gen. Sarah P. Wells outstanding airman

■Airman 1st Class Grant Prince, 52nd MDG, public health airman

■Maj. Mark Smallwood, 52nd MDG, outstanding field-grade base bioenvironmental engineer

■Tech. Sgt. Melinda Patrick, 52nd MDG, outstanding base bioenvironmental engineer NCO

■Staff Sgt. Stephanie Wilder, 52nd MDG, Chief Master Sgt. Lewis W. Dunlap outstanding NCO

■Master Sgt. James Eggers, 52nd MDG, surgical service senior NCO

■Senior Airman Shannon Preston, 52nd MDG, surgical service airman

Communications and information

■52nd Communications Squadron, Network Control Center, large work center

■Capt. Jamie Maki, 52nd CS, company-grade officer communications and information professionalism

■Airman 1st Class Robert Bertholf, 606th Air Control Squadron, information management

■Tech. Sgt. Ronald Duncan, 52nd CS, communications and computer systems operator

■Senior Airman Kimberlie Drews, 52nd CS, visual information

■Senior Airman Tobias Adams, 52nd CS, postal

Weather

■Master Sgt. David Lappie, 52nd Operations Support Squadron, outstanding weather senior NCO

Logistics plans

■Senior Master Sgt. Brooke McLean, 52nd Fighter Wing Plans Office, senior NCO

■52nd FW Plans Office, logistics plans unit

Officials from the 52nd Fighter Wing announced recent individual award winners and achievements in leadership, professionalism and innovation.

Operations group

■Capt. Robert Chavez, 81st Fighter Squadron, instructor pilot of the year

■Capt. Philip Malebranche, 23rd FS, flight lead of the year

■1st Lt. Joe Campo, 22nd FS, wingman of the year

■Tech. Sgt. William Neff, 81st FS, maintenance professional NCO of the year

■Senior Airman Kyle Mickelson, 23rd FS, maintenance professional airman of the year

■Staff Sgt. Matthew Lanew, 22nd FS, dedicated crew chief of the year

IDEA program

■Tech. Sgt. Mitchell Shimmel, 52nd CES, \$800

■Master Sgt. Dennis Cox, 52nd MDSS, \$200

■Tech. Sgt. David Nelson, 52nd Logistics Support Squadron, \$200

Service halt visitors operating Air Force equipment

WASHINGTON — Falling in line with a Department of Defense-wide directive, the Air Force has issued a moratorium on permitting civilian visitors to operate any item of military equipment when such operation could cause, or reasonably be perceived as causing, an increased safety risk.

The moratorium is in effect while the Air Force conducts a top-to-bottom review of its policy relative to civilian visitors operating military equipment. Until such time as the review is complete, civilian passengers aboard Air Force aircraft are prohibited from manipulating the controls of the aircraft —

including on-board systems such as air refueling booms.

This policy is effective regardless of how closely service members supervise the civilian visitors, said Air Force officials. Additionally, civilian visitors will not operate any Air Force equipment, such as small arms, shop equipment, aerospace ground equipment, specialized vehicles or any other equipment requiring training to operate, unless they have been specifically trained in its operation.

This doesn't mean civilian visitors can't ride aboard equipment, in concert with

current Air Force instructions — it only means they can't operate it, said Air Force officials.

Civilian employees, contractor employees and other civilians who must operate Air Force equipment as part of their assigned duties are not considered civilian visitors and are not covered by this moratorium, officials said. Civilians who are visiting another unit or installation and are not performing their normally assigned duties are subject to this moratorium, as are Air Force family members who are not employed by the service or assigned to a military service.

This restriction doesn't apply to non-

appropriated fund equipment, such as go-carts, recreational vehicles, sailboats and motorboats, in use for recreational purposes by service members, civilian employees, retirees, their family members and other authorized patrons.

The moratorium doesn't preclude Air Force units from hosting civilian visitors and giving them the opportunity to see the Air Force at work. Service officials said they want to ensure visitors are able to view and appreciate the Air Force's capabilities in as safe an environment as possible. (Air Force Print News)



Photos by Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey



Science and art fair

Left: Zack Carpenter and Candace Cox, age 12, put the finishing touches on their home-school science and art fair projects Feb. 23. Carpenter's project explains how the Egyptians constructed the pyramids and Cox's tells about the properties of chemical dispersion. Above: Ransom Carpenter, age 4, places her art fair entry, "Ballet Class," a pen and ink drawing, on an easel. The Eifel Home-Schoolers group offers home-schooled students the opportunity to meet other students through monthly meetings and trips. Call Kimberly Clark at 06565-942675 for more information.



Community Mailbox

Community input

The 52nd Mission Support Squadron Family Support Center seeks artistic volunteers to help develop new base activities and programs. Call Michelle Venzke at 453-7491 for more information.

Scholarships

The Air Force Sergeant's Association Division 16 deadline for Term IV college scholarship applications is March 20. The association has two \$100 and one \$250 scholarships to award. Download applications from the AFSA Web site at www.afsahq.org and send completed forms to kevin.jones@ramstein.af.mil.

Chapel library

The Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel library opens 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday in building 128. Call the chapel at 452-6711 for more information.

Bazaar news

The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club seeks volunteers for the Spring Bazaar taking place noon to 8 p.m. March 16, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. March 17 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 18 in Hangars 1 and 2 on Spangdahlem Air Base. Call Holly Mickel at 06565-942565 for details.

Baked goods donations are also needed. Call Stella Davidson at 06567-932041 for details.

The bazaar is open to all U.S. and NATO ID card holders, but strollers and pets aren't allowed in the hangars. Call Lorrie Hoskins at 06565-942431 for details concerning the event.

Talent show

The Air Force family talent and base-level youth talent contest takes place 6-9 p.m. Thursday in the Spangdahlem Air Base movie theater. The event is free. Call 452-7381 for more information.

Volunteer opportunities

Event coordinators seek help for the following events. Call Charly Emmerling at 452-6466 for details.

■Spangdahlem Air Base talent show, 5-10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the base theater. Help is needed for set up, sound, make-up application and cleaning.

■Easter egg hunt, 8:30-11:30 a.m. April 7 at Bitburg Middle School. Help is needed to hide eggs and assist younger children in finding them.



Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey

Taste of Italy

Patrizia Frey sets out food samples before opening Taste of Italy, the Army Air Force Exchange Service's newest concession on the Bitburg Annex. It's located next to Willi Geck and is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. The shop offers a variety of Italian specialties, including pasta and vegetable spreads.

■Children's festival, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 7 at Bitburg Middle School. Help is needed to assist in various youth activities.

■U.S. Air Forces in Europe Regional Youth Talent Workshop and Show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 9-12 and for the show 5-10 p.m. April 13. Help is needed for set up, sound and after-event cleaning.

Education office news

■The Embry-Riddle University base office closes Thursday for an official function. Call 452-7553 for details.

■Scholarship for Outstanding Airmen to ROTC application deadline to U.S. Air Forces in Europe headquarters is Oct. 15. Because applicants must take several tests and complete a lengthy application process, interested airmen should meet with a counselor soon.

■Deadline to submit Officer Training Squadron applications is April 17. Packages with waivers must be submitted by April 3.

The education office offers free walk-in counseling 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each Friday. Call 452-6063 for details.

Music festival

The Spangdahlem Elementary School music festival

takes place at 6:30 p.m. March 22 in the Spangdahlem Air Base fitness center. Admission is free. The festival features the musical talent of students attending Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex schools.

Family support center news

The following classes take place in building 307 on Spangdahlem Air Base, unless listed otherwise. Call 452-6422 for details or to register.

■Mutual fundamentals, part one, takes place 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

■A class on home mortgage loans takes place 6-8 p.m. March 20.

■A workshop on Individual Retirement Accounts takes place 6-8 p.m. March 22.

■Mutual fundamentals, part two, takes place 6-8 p.m. March 29.

■Key Spouses, a program providing an informal link between unit leadership and base assistance programs, meet noon to 1:30 p.m. March 30.

Girl scouts

Local Girl Scout chapters seek volunteers for lone troop committee chair, treasurer, registrar and other positions. Call Lisa Denoncour at 06565-944587 for details.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Bitburg Castle

Tonight

Dungeons and Dragons (PG-13)

The Empire has long been a divided land - an elite group of magic users and powerless commoners. Savina wants equality for all, but must fight Mage's plot to depose her and establish his own rule.

Saturday

Charlie's Angels (PG-13)

Jumping out of planes, rewiring computers, going undercover — it's all in a day's work for Charlie's Angels.

Sunday

The 6th Day (PG-13)

Imagine a world free of incurable diseases. A remarkable world in which the one thing that has eluded man since the beginning of time is finally within his reach — immortality.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Bounce (PG-13)

Buddy is delayed at the airport waiting for his flight. While there, he meets fellow passenger, Greg, who opts to be bumped. When the flight resumes, Buddy thinks he's doing a good deed by swapping tickets with Greg. Sadly, the flight crashes, so Buddy decides to check on Greg's widow, but he doesn't plan on falling in love with her.

Thursday

Vertical Limit (PG-13)

A young climber must launch a treacherous and extraordinary rescue effort up K-2, the world's second highest peak, to save his sister and her summit team in a race against time.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Tonight

Valentine (R)

Four friends receive morbid Valentine's Day cards. Someone they all spurned when they were younger is stalking them and Valentine's Day 2001 is a day of revenge.

Saturday

Valentine

Sunday

Family Man (PG-13)

Through a variety of circumstances, Jack finds himself waking up next to his girlfriend whom he hasn't seen in 13 years. There's a baby crying in the next room and a 6-year-old girl calling him daddy. And that's just the beginning in a long list of surprises for Jack.

Monday

Family Man

Tuesday

Dude, Where's My Car? (PG-13)

Last night, two party-heavy dudes had an unbelievable time. Too bad, they can't remember a thing, including where they parked their car. So they embark on a mission: retrace their steps to find out what they did last night, hoping it will lead them to the missing car.

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 453-7541.

Trier Marx museum showcases development of socialist's views

By Iris Reiff
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Featured among Trier's many historic sites, including the former summer residence of Roman emperors, is the birthplace of the founder of modern socialism.

Karl Marx was born in Trier in 1818 and today his birthplace is open to the public as a museum. The house, a typical Trier baroque dwelling located on Brueckenstrasse No. 10, was built in 1727. On April 1, 1818, Heinrich Marx, who was a lawyer, rented the house and on May 5 his wife gave birth to his son Karl.

In October 1819, the family moved to a smaller house located on Simeonstrasse No. 8, not far from the market square. Marx lived in this new location until he finished school in 1835.

In 1928, the German Social Democratic Party was able to acquire the birthhouse, from a private owner for 100,000 gold marks.

In 1930-31, the house, which had previously served as a residential and commercial building, was restored in the style of the 18th and 19th century centuries for 200,000 DM.

The plan was then to open up the Karl Marx's birthplace as a memorial to Marx and Engels; however, the plan was postponed because of financial problems.

After Nazis gained power within the region, the house was used by the party in May 1933 and expropriated.



Courtesy photo

Karl Marx circa 1870.

Until 1945, the house was used by the Nazi party and their newspaper, the Nationalblatt publication, was printed here. After World War II, the SPD regained the property and, together with the International Committee for the Reconstruction of the Marx/Engels Museum in Trier, organized the restoration of the house as a memorial place.

Since the 150th anniversary of Marx's birthday on May 5, the Karl Marx Haus has been presented as a museum, library, research institute and center of international gathering under the auspices of the Friedrich Spee Foundation.

Up until March 1982, more than 200,000 visitors from all over the world had visited the site.

In 1982, the house was thoroughly renovated. It reopened as Karl-Marx-Haus

Museum in 1983, the 100th anniversary of Marx's death, with a more extensive and modern exhibition.

A study center, which was recently built and is located only a few blocks away from the birthhouse, offers a library, research and international communications center.

In the Karl Marx Museum itself people can find an exhibition that is spread across the three floors of the house. It's the permanent part of the exhibition, the "Works and Lives of Karl Marx," which takes up the most space in the house and it completely occupies the entire first and second floors.

In detail, the display features thematically classified documents, illustrations and texts on large wall-charts. On the second floor the charts are complimented by original documents and publications displayed in glass showcases.

Rooms 11 and 12 are recommended by the museum to get a general view of the display because here, the stages of the lives of Marx and Engels are documented. In Room 11 Marx was born, Room 2 was the lawyer's office of Marx's father and Room 3 was the family's kitchen and living room. The furniture here showcases the rooms as they were used during Marx's time.

In Room 21 the history and development of Marx's communist theory, from its first wording in the "Communist Manifesto" up to the division of Marxism into Leninism and democratic socialism in 1971 is documented.



Out and about



■ Attend the Evangel Temple Fellowship Baptist Church Single and Happy Conference 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 31. The church is located in the theater on the Bitburg Flugplatz. Cost is \$20 per person, lunch included. Call 06561-683896 for details.

■ Attend a fantasy musical production Wednesday through March 18 at the Trier Messegelaende fairgrounds. The 2.5-hour show offers 70 horses as well as 55 acrobats, artists and magicians. The ticket price ranges from 25 to 45 DM. Visit www.zauberwald.de in the English language for more information or call 0180-5311515 in German for tickets.

■ The annual Landscheid spring market is just around the corner. From March 31 through April 1, people can shop for baskets, handicraft items, flowers, household goods and much more at the Landscheid market. A variety of snacks, coffee and cake will be available at the Eifelhall throughout the day. The market kicks off around 11 a.m. March 31.

■ Now is a good time for volksmarching in Germany. The popular sport offers a good amount of aerobic exercise in the open air. Most volksmarches follow a circular route starting and ending at the same clubhouse, tent or community center. At the clubhouse you register, pay tour fee,

collect your trophy, eat, drink and meet people. Pick up a volksmarching schedule at the fitness center to find out where the next march takes place.

■ Visit a flea market Sunday inside and outside the Macher Cloister, in front of the Schweich Edeka store, inside and outside the Trier Messepark hall and at the Idar-Oberstein Mikadohl festival grounds.

■ Listen to a concert by La Ritma, performing Afro-Latin percussion and more at 8:30 p.m. Sunday at the Bitburg Boda House cultural center. Tickets are 12 DM and are available by calling 06561-6001-144 or 145.

■ Attend the opening ceremonies of an art exhibition by Marwan at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Wittlich Georg-Meistermann-Museum. The art show takes place Sunday through Tuesday. The museum is open 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday through Friday and 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

■ See the Schwab Ensemble performing ballads at 8 p.m. April 21 at the Bitburg Boda House cultural center. Tickets are 35 DM and are available by calling 06561-6001-144 or 145.

■ Trier's annual wine and gourmet festival takes place today through April 8. For details, visit the German language Web site at www.wein-festival.de.

■ Jazz and swing music of the Glenn

Miller Orchestra plays March 23 in the Trier Europa Halle. For tickets, call the Trierischer Volksfreund Press Center at 0651-145990.

■ Attend the annual Bitburg Boda market taking place March 16-18 in front of the Bitburg Boda House. During the Boda market, stores open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in Bitburg and 1-6 p.m. Sunday.

■ Listen to renowned operas and operettas at 8 p.m. March 30 at the Boda House cultural center. Entry is \$14 for adults and \$8 for students. For details and tickets, call the Bitburg Cultural Society at 06561-6001-144 or 145.

■ The Manfred Mann's Earth Band concert takes place March 31 in the Kaiserslautern Kammgarn center. Call 0651-145990 for tickets.

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Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in March. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg Annex community center at 453-7120 for details.

■ Paris overnight, March 17-18. Cost is \$185 for adults, \$130 for children ages 3-12.

■ Black Forest express, March 17. Cost is \$55 for adults, \$45 for children ages 3-12.

■ Dinner and wine probe, March 17. Cost is \$35 per person.

■ Prague shopping express, March 23-24. Cost is \$75 for a single seat, \$95 for a double seat for one person.

■ Cochem medieval dinner, March 24. Cost is \$65 per person.

■ Bavarian castles express, March 31. Cost is \$80 for adults, \$75 for children ages 3-17.

■ Castle Drachenfels, Birkenstock store and dinner at the Outback Steak House, March 31. Cost is \$35 for adults, \$30 for children ages 3-12.

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The outdoor recreation program sponsors the following trips in March. Winter hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 452-7176 for details.

■ Luxembourg cave rappel March 17. Cost is \$30 per person. Minimum age is 14.

■ Castle, cave and spa in Valkenburg, the Netherlands; March 18. Cost is \$45 per person with spa; \$20 without. Minimum age is 18, unless accompanied by an adult.

■ Saalbach, Austria ski trip, March 24-27. Cost is \$290 with ski rental. Minimum age is 18.

Ski season's final days feature powdery slopes

By Kelley Totten

Armed Forces Recreation Center Resorts in Europe

There's a rumor going around keeping one of the Armed Forces' greatest recreation centers a secret this winter. The good news is the rumor about the ski conditions aren't true, but that's bad news for everyone missing out on one of the most unique seasons ever.

Bavaria is having an unusually warm winter this year, with light snowfall in the valleys. Many people, believing that the ski slopes are closed, cancel their ski trips and miss out on a great and well-deserved vacation. While the facilities for the Armed Forces Recreation Center Resorts in Europe bask in the sunlight of these warm winter days, their guests enjoy the skiing on some of Europe's most well known slopes, including Germany's highest peak, the Zugspitze.

"Although it is warm and there is no snow in the valley, the skiing at higher altitudes is quite nice," said Leigh Plowman, Director of Recreation for AFRC Resorts. "I skied boot-top powder the other morning on the Zugspitze

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AFRC Resorts house two ski schools located in

Chiemsee and Garmisch, Germany. They are the only Professional Ski Instructors of America-certified institutions outside of the United States. Serving more than 50,000 military members and their families a year, the AFRC Ski School operates as the largest ski school in Germany. Guests of all levels can participate in a four- or five-day ski or snowboard week or take individual lessons. Both resorts also have rental facilities with top-of-the-line equipment and clothing.

"Spring offers our guests some of the best opportunities for skiing all season," said Richard LeBrun, general manager at AFRC Resorts. "Our expert ski instructors will not only provide guests with the tools to learn or improve their skiing, they also provide them with a fun and active vacation."

To make reservations for AFRC's final three weeks of the ski season, call the vacation planning center at DSN 440-2575 or commercial at 08821-72981, or visit their Web site at www.afrc-europe.com.

Eifel Sports World

Barons cheerleaders

The Bitburg High School Barons Cheerleading Squadron took first place in the European Cheerleading Championships Coed Division Saturday and Sunday in Kaiserslautern. Team members Jordan Matthews and Ashley Rosel were selected for the All-Competition Team.

Women's softball

A women's varsity softball organizational meeting takes place 4 p.m. Monday in building 127. Active-duty members and family members interested in trying out for the team must attend. Call Senior Master Sgt. Rick Aldridge at 452-6501 for more information.

Eifel Lanes bowling news

■The American Red Cross Bowl-a-Rama takes place 2-6 p.m. Saturday. Entry fee of \$15 includes three games and a chance to win door prizes. Call the ARC at 06561-616740 for details.

■The Eifel Lanes Bowling Center offers family discounts noon to 5 p.m. each Sunday.

■League bowlers practice for only \$1.50 a game 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bowlers must present a current ABC/WIBC card to receive the reduced price.

Call the Eifel Lanes Bowling Center at 452-6217 for details.

Health and wellness center news

■A two-session class on stress management takes place at 3 p.m. Tuesday and March 27. The course offers various techniques in reducing and controlling stress.

■Fitness 101, offering tailored exercise programs for course participants, takes place at 10 a.m. Thursday.

■Learn about the new Body Master equipment in weight training 101 taking place at 2 p.m. March 19.

■Women of Iron, a class teaching resistance training basics, takes place at 2 p.m. March 22.

All classes take place in building 192. Call 452-9355 for details.

Aerobics classes

Kick-boxing aerobics classes take place at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, and at 11 a.m. Friday. Step aerobics classes take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Both classes are held in the Spangdahlem Air Base fitness center. Cost is \$3 per class or \$25 monthly. Call 452-6496 for details.



Ethan Lake

Quick pin

Kyle McQuiston, from Spangdahlem Air Base, throws in a half-Nelson to pin his Stuttgart opponent within 1:45 at the youth wrestling competition Saturday in the Bitburg High School gym. About 100 youth, ages 5-13, from Spangdahlem, Stuttgart, Heidelberg and Landstuhl battled for first place. Scotty McQuiston and John Coker nabbed first place. Youth interested in wrestling can call Ken McQuiston at 452-6277 or youth sports at 452-6729 for details.

Youth sports

■Youth baseball registration continues through March 30.

■Operation Night Hoops, a basketball league designed exclusively for base teens, takes place today through April 7. The activity is open to youth ages 13-18 who are activity cardholders. Registration continues through Wednesday. The Eifel Youth Sports office is located in building 2007 on the Bitburg Annex and in building 125 on Spangdahlem Air Base. Call 453- 6274 or 452-6729 for more information.

Rodeo

The Spangdahlem Air Base rodeo team seeks new members to compete in the European Rodeo Cowboys Association competition. Call Travis Beck at 06561-949669 or Daniel Wagley at 06561-670298.

Football

The Langefeld Longhorns seeks players for the 2001 season. Season runs May through September. Call Coach Simon Gorz at 0212-200693 or 0173-2607838 for details.

Golf

The Icebreaker Golf Tournament takes place at 9 a.m. April 7 at the Spangdahlem Air Base golf course. Teams consist of four people, 18-hole select shot. Cost is \$10 per person plus green fees. Call 452-6821.

Racquetball

A racquetball tournament takes place March 24-25 in the Spangdahlem Air Base fitness center. Registration fee after today is \$25. Cost for two matches is \$5. Call Staff Sgt. Susan O'Donnell at 452-6634 for details.